

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB.

8th December, 1899. The 270th meeting was held at 156 Brattle St., Mr. W. L. W. Field in the chair.

Mr. R. Hayward remarked at some length on the results of a recent study of the North American species of *Tachys*, which will form the subject of a paper soon to be published in the Transactions of the American Entomological Society. Figures were shown illustrating the more important characters.

Mr. S. H. Scudder read extracts from a letter of Mrs. A. T. Slosson mentioning her discovery of *Gryllus luctuosus* on or near the summit of Mt. Washington, N. H.

He also showed specimens of the dark form of the mature larva of *Papilio polyxenes* recently described in *Psyche* by Miss C. G. Soule, remarking that it was virtually an extension of the coloring of the fourth stage into the fifth, and by the closure of the yellow spots on the dark ground (normally open in front) recalled strikingly the markings of the European species, *P. machaon*, also exhibited.

He further called the attention of the Club to the striking differences between the Orthopteran fauna of Europe and the United States. Of our 205 recognized genera, only 26 occurred in Europe, and half of these were cosmopolitan.

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